

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 697

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Maryville High School football team on capturing its thirteenth TSSAA Class 6A BlueCross Bowl State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to expressly honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent achievements, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Maryville High School football team is one such commendable team that recently completed an undefeated 2011 season, amassing a perfect record of fifteen wins on its way to capturing the school's thirteenth Class 6A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, for Coach George Quarles, this latest victory was his ninth state title in his thirteen years as the coach of the Maryville Rebels; and

WHEREAS, from its opening possession, the Maryville team showed that it would do whatever necessary to battle for yardage and points against the Tigers' defense; and

WHEREAS, the outcome of the championship game was determined largely by the Rebel defense, which shut out a Whitehaven team that had averaged more than thirty points a game this season; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the second-quarter run by Jacob West that provided a 15-0 lead that the Rebels never relinquished, the Maryville football team topped off its perfect season with a 23-7 win over the Whitehaven Tigers; and

WHEREAS, Maryville's senior quarterback, Patton Robinette, who was six of ten for eighty-five yards and a touchdown in the contest, was named offensive MVP of the game. He was also named Gatorade Player of the Year for Tennessee and was a Mr. Football finalist as a back, while Maryville's Jay Guillermo was named a Tennessee Titans Class AAA Mr. Football Lineman; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of these young men not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward their successes in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom, and the 2011 Maryville Rebels football team and their supporters are wholly deserving of the recognition of this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we applaud and congratulate the players and coaches of the Maryville High School football team upon capturing the school's thirteenth TSSAA Class 6A State Championship and wish them every success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.